

November 15 Deadline

GRID SCHOLARSHIP NOMINEES SOUGHT

Nomination folders for the 33 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships in football for 1967 are in the hands of the Faculty Representatives of the NCAA members, with the final deadline for their return November 15.

The \$1,000 awards will be divided into three groups, with 11 going to nominees from University Division colleges, 11 to College Division gridders and 11 At-large.

The NCAA later in the 1967-68 university year will award an additional 15 scholarships in basketball and 22 in other sports. This is the fourth year of the Scholarship Program, which has grown from 32

initial awards to the present 70.

Each member institution may nominate not more than two candidates for the football awards. To be eligible, the student must have a minimum overall accumulative grade point average of 3.0 and must have performed with distinction as a member of the varsity team in the sport in which he has declared his candidacy for the scholarship.

Four institutional officials must recommend an applicant, the head of the department or dean of the college in which he is enrolled, the Faculty Representative, the director of athletics and the head football coach.

Additionally, he must have signified his intention to begin postgraduate studies and must have

been judged capable for postgraduate study by his major professor.

The Faculty Representative is to forward the completed nomination to the NCAA vice president of his district, who will screen the applications and forward district nominations to the NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.

Members of the Committee, chaired by Laurence C. Woodruff of Kansas, include Maj. Peter M. Dawkins, U.S. Military Academy; Leo A. Harris, Oregon; Carl Troester, AA-HPER; A. D. Kirwan, Kentucky; Sherman Stanford, Penn State; and Samuel E. Barnes, Howard University.



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Cage Format Changed for 1969 Tourney Thursday-Saturday Play With Afternoon Title Game

Beginning with the 1969 National Collegiate Basketball Championship, a new format will be in effect for the regionals and finals.

The format, approved by the NCAA Executive Committee at its August meeting, calls for the semifinals to be played Thursday night and the finals to be staged on Saturday afternoon.

The change would provide greater preparation time for the coaches involved, give more rest to the players, allow for better coverage and coincide with the recommendations of the U. S. Basketball Writers Association, eliminate conflicts with high school tournaments and coincide with the scheduling of the National Association of Basketball Coaches Convention.

Per Diem Increased

Also approved by the Executive Committee were recommendations by the University Basketball Tournament Committee to increase the per diem allowance to \$17.50 for 18 persons. Formerly, it was \$15 for 16 persons.

The members of the Yankee Conference were classified as at-large candidates and, in the opposite part of the country, the Big Sky Conference was designated as an automatic qualifier. Members of the Big Sky group are Idaho, Idaho State, Montana, Montana State, Weber State and Gonzaga. Their combined tournament record is 6-11.

Seek Projects

NCAA Grants Football Injury Research Fund

The NCAA has appropriated to its Committee on Competitive Safeguards and medical aspects of sports a \$15,000 research grant for analysis of football injuries.

The Committee in turn has adopted procedures through which researchers may apply for funds for projects in these areas, and is encouraging applicants from all NCAA institutions to present project proposals.

The grant was approved by the Executive Committee at its August meeting. It had been recommended previously by the NCAA Football Rules Committee to "support the research of football injuries and protective equipment."

The principal areas of research are to be injuries to the head, neck and spine, and injuries to the knee and ankle in relation to shoes, cleats and types of turf.

It is the goal of the Committee that research projects begin with the 1968 spring football practice period. Therefore, it plans a meeting at the time of the NCAA Convention at which it will consider applications of researchers for work at that time.

The applications are to be forwarded to the NCAA Executive Office. A general outline to be followed in making application appears in this issue of the NEWS.

In addition to outlining the proposed research plan, an applicant must indicate the significance of the research, the methods to be employed, the budget proposed, and the facilities available in or with which to conduct the project. Finally, approval of the project must be certified by the appropriate institutional authority.

Committee chairman Carl S. Blyth, North Carolina, added that it is the hope of the group that the institutions of the researchers selected for grants may supplement their efforts in many ways.

Four copies of the application must be submitted.

Two Special Committees Named To Study Football Questions

Two special NCAA committees have been appointed to study controversial aspects of the game of football.

The nine-man Committee on a National Collegiate Football Championship, with Paul Brechler, commissioner of the Western Athletic Conference, as chairman, will meet for the first time at the NCAA Convention in January.

This committee was appointed to study the recommendation of the American Football Coaches Association to have a series of games at the end of the season to determine a national football champion.

Members of the committee are: Brechler; Paul W. Bryant, director of athletics, University of Alabama; Asa S. Bushnell, commissioner,

Eastern College Athletic Conference; Alan R. Cameron, director of athletics, U.S. Naval Academy; Gomer T. Jones, director of athletics, University of Oklahoma; Richard C. Larkins, director of athletics, Ohio State University; Abe Martin, director of athletics, Texas Christian University; William Murray, executive secretary, American Football Coaches Association; and James Owens, director of athletics, University of Washington.

Motivation for a change in NCAA Bylaw 8-1-(a) (Limitation of Pre-season Practice) prompted the appointment of the seven-man Committee on Starting Date for Fall Football Practice. William R. Reed, commissioner of the Big Ten Conference, was named chairman.

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APPLICATION FOR NCAA FOOTBALL RESEARCH FUNDS

To: Committee on Competitive Safeguards

From: _____

Title of Research Project: _____

Research Plan:

Introduction
Research Objectives
Specific Aims
Method of Procedure
Subjects To Be Used
Significance of the Research

Budget With Breakdowns

Personnel
Equipment
Supplies
Any Other Expenses

Facilities Available

Signature _____

Signature _____

Approval by Institutional Authority
(INCLUDE BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH
INCLUDING BIBLIOGRAPHY)